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Meet Nature's Bloodsuckers at Hidden Pond

Confront your fears of creepy, crawly, slimy, bloodsucking creatures at Hidden Pond Nature Center on Wednesday, July 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Gross Encounters- Bloodsuckers of Fairfax will bring participants up close and personal with the most feared parasites known to man.

Naturalists will describe the important roles mosquitoes, ticks, lice and other specimen play in nature. Highlights of the program include a leech safari, identifications and information on the pathogens these creatures carry. Children will be able to swap personal stories and hear some gross tales from the naturalists as well.

The grand finale of the program is a must-see event: participants will watch naturalist Waldo Anemia measure how many ticks crawl onto him while sitting on a dense bush in the human tick bait station! The program is suitable for children six and older and requires advance registration with a \$4 per child payment.

Hidden Pond Nature Center is located at 8511 Greeley Boulevard in Springfield. For more information, please call 703-451-9588 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenpond>.

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